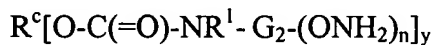


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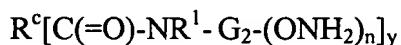
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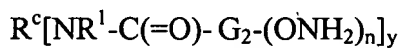
16. (Amended) A valency platform molecule having a formula selected from the group consisting of:



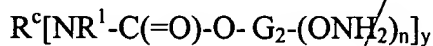
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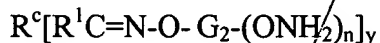
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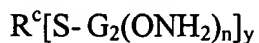
Formula 5;



Formula 6;



Formula 7; and



Formula 8;

wherein:

y is 1 to 16;

n is 1 to 32;

y \* n is at least 3;

R<sup>1</sup> is H, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or G<sub>2</sub>-(ONH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>; and

R<sup>c</sup> and each G<sub>2</sub> are independently organic moieties comprising atoms selected from the group consisting of H, C, N, O, P, Si and S atoms.